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REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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The School Board respectfully present the following report  
for the year ending March 1, 1886.

# TABULARY STATEMENT OF TEACHERS.

1.	Higher.	Alice S. Holt and Lizzie M. Burrington, S.; Sarah Bixby, F. W.
2.	Lower.	D. P. Hutchins, S. F.; D. P. Hutchins and Hattie I. Newton, W.
3.	High School.	M. Elena Howard, S. F. W.
3.	Grammar.	George Sherman, S. F. W.; Rhoda C. Slate, assistant, S.; Cora F. Butler, F. W.
3.	Intermediate.	Dora E. Swan, S.; Rhoda C. Slate, F. W.
4.	Primary.	N. Maria Snow, S. F. W.
5.		Jennie L. Weeks, S. F. W.
6.		Annie K. Hosford, S.; Mattie A. Hammond, F. W.
7.		Ellen L. Bullock, S.; Emma F. Pickering, F.; Charles J. Fosgate, W.
8.		M. Grace Ball, S. F. W.
9.		Eva Crowell, S.; Annie K. Hosford, F. W.
10.		Mabel Jacobs, S. F. W.
11.		Cora B. Smith, S. F. W.
12.		Lillian E. Cummings, S.; Hattie A. Wetherbee, F. W.
13.		Alice M. Titus and M. L. Davis, S.; Alice M. Titus, F. W.
14.	Higher.	Della A. Baker, S. F. W.
15.	Lower.	Julia T. Bliss, S. F. W.
16.		Emma F. Pickering, S.
17.		Eva V. Davis, S. F. W.
18.		Myrta B. Eaton, S. F.; Myrta H. Swan, W.
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NOTE.—S. F. and W. stand for Summer, Fall and Winter terms respectively. The whole number of Teachers is thirty-two; three male and twenty-nine female. Eleven teachers have kept the same school through the year.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

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This list does not include the third term for the schools at Upper and Lower Ashuelot, as those schools are now in session.

NOTE.—The figures 1, 2, 3 indicate the terms in which the scholars were perfect.

No. 1.—Viola M. Doolittle 2, Eugene R. Boyce 3, Forest S. Field 3.

No. 2, HIGHER.—Willie Coughlin 1, May Burkinshaw 1, Susie Smith 1, Lura Smith 1.

No. 2, LOWER.—George Parker 1, 2, Albert Parker 1, 2, Josephine Billids 2, Sarah Miller 2, Annie Miller 2, Floretta Paro 2, Frank Allen 2, Charles McCollay.

No. 3, HIGH SCHOOL.—Fred L. Felch 1, Emma A. Davis 1, 2, Frank J. Gale 1, 2, 3, Ella E. Morse 1, 2, 3, Millie M. Pickett 1, 2, 3, Geo. W. Adams 2, Ellery E. Albee 2, 3, Helen M. Woodbury 2, Edwin M. Phillips 3, Ida E. Smith 3.

No. 3, GRAMMAR.—Milan A. Dickinson 1, Fred C. Slate 1, Minnie J. Carpenter 1, Hattie A. Kingman 1, 2, 3, Minnie J. Seaver 1, 2, Ellen A. Albee 2, Frank Kendrick 2, 3, Bennie H. Robbins 2, Eugene A. Seaver 2.

No. 3, INTERMEDIATE.—Susie J. Cross 1, 2, May Dickinson 1, 3, Lucy M. Harmon 1, E. Nora Kelton 1,

Jessie M. Metcalf 1, 2, Annie G. Morse 1, Laura R. Moulton 1, Lena Ressler 1, 2, Mabel G. Richards 1, E. Francis Rixford 1, Walter Ames 1, Erwin W. Combs 1, 2, Willie Curtis 1, Dannie Donavon 1, 2, Percie Eames 1, 2, 3, Bertie Lewis 1, Leon Naramore 1, George Norwood 1, 2, 3, Guy Norwood 1, 2, 3, Bennie Robbins 1, Gene Seaver 1, Fred Seaver 1, 2, Gertie Baker, 2, 3, Nettie Brown 2, Hattie Dockrill 2, 3, Ara Jackson 2, Hettie Murphy 2, 3, Fred Buffum 2, 3, Willie Eames 2, 3, Walter Murphy 2, 3, Francis Murphy 2, Emma Barrett 3, Eva Combs 3, Alice Dickinson 3, Geneva Hildreth 3, Annie Pierce 3, Millie Smith, John Cooney 3, Warren Kendrick 3, Charles Tenney 3, Edith Newell 3.

No. 3, PRIMARY.—Eva Combs 1, Florence Eaton 1, 3, Geneva Eaton 2, 3, Geneva Hildreth 1, May Harmon 1, Cherrie St. Clair 1, 2, 3, Charles Donovan 1, Leon Doolittle 1, Willie Eames 1, Alex Eaton 1, Mellen Greenleaf 1, 3, Eddie Lewis 1, 3, Philip Peirce 1, Clifford Plaistrige 1, Vere Sprague 1, Ethie Buffum 2, 3, Edith Hammond 2, 3, Florence Snow 2, 3, Mamie White 2, Warren Hardy, Bessie Ames 3, Maud F. Brigham 3, Bertha Hardy 3, Eva Stratton 3, Ned Buffum 3, George Cross 3, Michael Doherty 3, Charles Metcalf 3, Frank Phillips 3, Minnie St. Clair 3.

No. 4.—Robbie L. Beals 1, 2, 3, Lessie L. Hutchins 1, Lillian G. Luther 1, Walter D. Sawyer 3.

No. 5.—Bertha L. Bates 4, Arthur W. Ware 2, Arthur W. Morey 3.

No. 6.—Florence E. Willard 1, 2, 3, Bertie L. Willard 1, 2, 3, Frank T. Jackson 1, 3, Gertie A. Hildreth 2, 3, Emma C. Partland 2, Eddie E. Baker 2, 3, Earl C. Phelps 2, 3, Willie S. Partland 2.



No. 8.—Maria J. DeBell 1, 2, Nellie L. Clark 2, Carrie E. Richardson 2, Albert D. Clark 2.

No. 9.—Walter E. Wyman 1.

No. 10.—Gerty Carpenter 1, 2, Eva Lawrence, 1, 2, 3, Mabel Lawrence 1, 2, John Carpenter 1, 2, Fred Carpenter 1, 2, Oliver Lawrence 1, 2, 3, Geo. W. Thompson 1, Ray Thompson 1, Minnie Carpenter 2.

No. 13.—Geo. H. Perry 1, Fred Willard 1, Harry Willard 1, Ethel M. Adams 2, 3, Aurilla Dingman 2, 3, Sadie Hammond 2.

No. 16.—Laura C. Davis 1, 3, Pearl A. Smith 1, Mary E. Bolton 1, 2, 3, Hiram O. Bolton 1, 2, 3, Elwin A. Davis 1, 2, 3, Harry P. Smith 1, Stella Davis 2, Esther Bolton 2.

No. 18, HIGHER.—Ida A. Kelley 1, Mary E. Welch 1, Eddie Cunningham 1, John H. Dickinson 1, 2, Nellie M. Conroy 2, Katie Mangan 2, Katie Welch 2, Eugene Dickinson 2.

No. 18, LOWER.—Kate Joyce 1, 2, Rosa Joyce 1, 2, Emma Little 1, Laura Little 1, Mabel Reed 1, Katie Welch 1, Julia Welch 1, Eugene Dickinson 1, Don Felch 1, Minnie Joyce 2, Mary Lacoss 2, Willie Joyce 2.

No. 19.—Clara Manning 1.

No. 20.—Cora L. Atherton 1, 2, 3, Clara A. Combs 1, 2, Kate L. Swan 1, Mary A. Atherton 1, James A. Atherton 1, 3, Leroy R. Combs 1, Elanor A. Swan 2, Fred C. Stearns 2, 3.

No. 21.—Emma E. Barrett 1, Bertha M. Pickett 1, 2, Marcia S. Pickett 1, Fred M. Barrett 1, Willie E. Barrett 1, Willie R. Barrett 1, Leon R. Eaton 1, Osman H. Pickett 1, Willis E. Wood 1, Grace E. Barrett 3, Fred C. Slate 3, Bertha F. Wood 3.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## MONEY RECEIVED.

From Prudential Committees,	\$56 15
Tuitions from town of Hinsdale,	24 00
Town appropriation,	2,900 00
Literary fund,	300 72
Dog fund,	125 00
From the high school fund,	340 00
From geographies,	25 00
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	\$3,770 87

## PAID OUT.

Teachers' salaries,	\$3,134 83
Fuel,	178 01
Care of houses generally,	116 83
Repairs of houses generally,	73 98
Cleaning houses generally,	20 13
W. H. Spalter, for order book and inks,	11 25
Charles F. Gerry, for erasers,	10 00
Rev. E. Harmon, book of names,	3 25
E. S. Boberts, for crayons,	7 38
W. H. H. Bryant, for geographies,	25 00
Jasper Gale, for carrying scholars, No. 19,	28 00
Wm. H. Guernsey, for record book,	60
Cash in hand,	161 61
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	\$3,770 87

H. W. BRIGHAM, *Treasurer.*

The following statement will show the relative expenditures of each school.

### SCHOOL NO. 1.

Paid Alice S. Holt, teaching one week, spring term,	\$5 00
Lizzie M. Burrington, teaching 7 weeks, spring term,	35 00
Sarah Bixby, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	55 00
Sarah Bixby, teaching 10 weeks, winter term,	55 00
Russell W. Boyce, for wood,	5 93
Russell W. Boyce, care of house,	6 00
Russell W. Boyce, repairs of house,	3 53
Albert M. Doolittle, board of teacher,	2 50
John Hutchins, for brooms, etc.,	35
F. P. Willis & Co., for lock and screws,	82
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	\$169 13

Number of weeks' schooling, 28.

Number of weeks' schooling in 1884, 27; increase 1 week.

### SCHOOL NO. 2.—UPPER ASHUELOT.

#### UPPER DEPARTMENT.

Paid D. P. Hutchins, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$80 00
D. P. Hutchins, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	80 00
D. P. Hutchins, teaching 2 weeks, winter term,	16 00



Will be due Miss Hattie I. Newton, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	\$64 00
Paid Mrs. Shannon, cleaning house,	1 50
D. P. Hutchins, care of house,	6 00
L. W. Goss, expense for wood,	7 00
John Hutchins, for stove pipe, labor, etc.,	10 44
Due for care of house (estimated),	4 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$268 94</b>
Number of weeks' schooling, 30.	
Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 30.	

## NO. 2 PRIMARY.

Paid Mrs. Elena Howard, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	70 00
Mrs. Elena Howard, teaching 9 weeks, summer term,	63 00
Mrs. Shannon, cleaning house,	1 50
L. W. Goss, expense for wood,	7 00
D. P. Hutchins, care of house,	3 00
Due Mrs. Elena Howard, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	56 00
Paid John Hutchins, stove pipe and labor,	10 44
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$210 44</b>
Number of weeks' schooling, 27.	
Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 30; loss 3 weeks.	

## NO. 3 VILLAGE.

## GRAMMAR.

Paid Dora E. Swan, teaching 12 weeks, spring term,	\$120 00
Rhoda C. Slate, teaching 12 weeks, summer term,	120 00

Paid Rhoda B. Slate, teaching 12 weeks, winter term,	\$120 00
George Adams, janitor,	9 44
Ulric Brigham, janitor,	3 67
Jasper A. Gale, janitor,	12 00
for fuel,	21 88
for cleaning house,	1 21
John Hutchins, for sundries,	7 46
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Total,	\$415 66

Number of weeks' schooling, 36.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 36.

#### INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mrs. H. Maria Snow, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	80 00
Mrs. H. Maria Snow, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	80 00
Mrs. H. Maria Snow, teaching 10 weeks, winter term,	80 00
George Adams, janitor,	9 44
Ulric Brigham, janitor,	3 67
Jasper A. Gale, janitor,	12 00
for fuel,	21 88
for cleaning house,	1 21
E. C. Stimpson, repairing plastering,	1 87
John Hutchins, for sundries,	7 46
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	\$297 53

Number of weeks' schooling, 30.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 32; loss 2 weeks.

## NO. 3 PRIMARY.

Paid Jennie L. Weeks, teaching 10 weeks,	
spring term,	\$70 00
Jennie L. Weeks, teaching 10 weeks,	
fall term,	70 00
Jennie L. Weeks, teaching 10 weeks,	
winter term,	70 00
George Adams, janitor,	9 44
Ulric Brigham, janitor,	3 67
Jasper A. Gale, janitor,	12 00
for fuel,	21 88
for cleaning house,	1 21
E. C. Stimpson, repairing plastering,	1 87
John Hutchins, sundries,	7 46
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	\$267 53

Number of weeks' schooling, 30.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 32; loss 2 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 4.

Paid Annie K. Hosford, teaching 10 weeks,	
spring term,	\$50 00
Mattie A. Hammond, teaching 10 weeks,	
fall term,	50 00
Mattie A. Hammond, teaching 9 weeks,	
winter term,	45 00
Byron Cass, for wood,	5 00
Lester Johnson, care of house,	4 00
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Total,	\$154 00

Number of weeks' schooling, 29.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 20; increase 9 weeks.



## SCHOOL NO. 5.

Paid Ellen M. Bullock, teaching 10 weeks,	
spring term,	\$50 00
Emma F. Pickering, teaching 9 weeks,	
fall term,	45 00
Charles J. Fosgate, teaching 10 weeks,	
winter term,	50 00
for wood,	5 50
E. L. Verry, care of house,	2 50
John Hutchins, for stove pipe, etc.,	20 53
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	\$163 53

Number of weeks' schooling, 29.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 17; increase 12 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 6.

Paid M. Grace Ball, teaching 10 weeks, spring	
term,	\$50 00
M. Grace Ball, teaching 10 weeks, fall	
term,	50 00
M. Grace Ball, teaching 10 weeks, winter	
term,	50 00
Harvey Jewell, for wood,	8 10
Harvey Jewell, care of house,	2 50
F. P. Willis & Co., for 2 brooms,	54
E. W. Baker, for wood,	6 00
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Total,	\$167 14

Number of weeks' schooling, 30.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 23; increase 7 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 8.

## BROAD BROOK.

Paid Eva Crowell, teaching 8 weeks, spring term,	\$40 00
Annie K. Hosford, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	50 00
Annie K. Hosford, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	40 00
E. L. Wilder, for wood,	8 00
John Hutchins, dust pan and cup,	35
F. P. Willis & Co., for pail and brooms,	78
Total,	<hr/> \$139 13

Number of weeks' schooling, 26.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 16; increase 10 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 9.

Paid Mabel Jacobs, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$52 50
Mabel Jacobs, teaching 8 weeks, fall term,	44 00
Mabel Jacobs, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	44 00
Care of house,	8 00
Milan D. Spaulding, repairing house,	3 87
Wm. J. Hunt, banking house,	2 00
F. P. Willis & Co., for hardware for repairing school house,	92
John Hutchins, for pail, cup and matches,	75
	<hr/> \$156 04

Number of weeks' schooling, 26.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 20; increase 6 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 10.

Paid Cora B. Smith, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$55 00
Cora B. Smith, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	55 00
Cora B. Smith, teaching 10 weeks, winter term,	55 00
George H. Doolittle, for wood,	11 00
M. D. Spaulding, for repairing house,	4 00
C. J. Fosgate, " "	1 00
Haskell Carpenter, for cleaning house,	5 00
Oliver S. Lawrence, care of house,	5 00
F. P. Willis & Co., for nails and other hardware,	2 03
John Hutchins, for dust pan and cup,	35
Total,	<hr/> \$193 38

Number of weeks' schooling, 30.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 18; increase 12 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 13.

Paid Lillian E. Cummings, teaching 9 weeks, spring term,	\$49 50
Hattie A. Wetherbee, teaching 8 weeks, fall term,	44 00
Hattie A. Wetherbee, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	44 00
H. Gust Pickett, repairing house,	1 75
E. S. Adams, repairing house,	2 15
E. S. Adams, care of house,	4 00
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Number of weeks' schooling, 25.



Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 18; increase 7 weeks.

### SCHOOL NO. 16.

Paid Alice M. Titus, teaching $5\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, spring term,	\$28 08
Lizzie Davis, teaching 4 weeks, spring term,	22 00
Alice M. Titus, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	55 00
Alice M. Titus, teaching $9\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, winter term,	52 25
C. W. Baker, cleaning house,	2 00
“ for wood,	8 40
“ care of house,	5 00
“ broom,	25
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	\$172 98

Number of weeks' schooling, 29.

Number of weeks' schooling, 1884, 25; increase 4 weeks.

### NO. 18, LOWER ASHUELOT.

#### UPPER DEPARTMENT.

Paid Della M. Baker, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$75 00
Della M. Baker, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	75 00
Due Della M. Baker, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	60 00
Paid Mrs. Kate Quigley, cleaning house,	1 50
Wm. L. R. Felch, janitor, for wood,	10 30

Paid Wm. L. R. Felch, janitor, for work on wood,	\$1 70
Wm. L. R. Felch, care of house,	2 50
Wm. L. R. Felch, for two brooms,	40
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	\$226 40

## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Paid Julia T. Bliss, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$65 00
Julia T. Bliss, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	65 00
Due Julia T. Bliss, teaching 8 weeks, winter term,	52 00
Paid Mrs. Quigley, cleaning house,	1 50
John Hutchins, for cups,	20
Wm. L. R. Felch, janitor, for wood,	10 30
Wm. L. R. Felch, janitor, for work on wood,	1 69
Wm. L. R. Felch, care of house,	2 50
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Total,	\$198 19

Number of weeks' schooling, 28.

Number of weeks' schooling in 1884, 30; loss 2 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 19.

Paid Emma F. Pickering, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$50 00
Wm. Flint, for cash paid for expense on school house,	1 25
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	\$51 25

School discontinued after the first term, and scholars transferred to the village schools, and transported at the expense of the town at the winter term.

## NO. 20, SCOTLAND.

Paid Eva V. Davis, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$50 00
Eva V. Davis, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	50 00
Eva V. Davis, teaching 10 weeks, winter term,	50 00
Amos B. Atherton, care of house,	4 50
Amos B. Atherton, cleaning house,	3 50
Amos B. Atherton, wood, etc.,	4 45
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	\$162 45

Number of weeks' schooling, 30.

Number of weeks' schooling in 1884, 26; gain 4 weeks.

## SCHOOL NO. 21, POND VILLAGE.

Paid Myrta B. Eaton, teaching 9 weeks, spring term,	\$49 50
Myrta B. Eaton, teaching 10 weeks, fall term,	55 00
Myrta H. Swan, teaching 10 weeks, winter term,	55 00
C. B. Mansfield, for wood,	12 00
C. B. Mansfield, for repairs,	3 31
Fred C. Slate, care of house,	2 50
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	\$177 31

Number of weeks' schooling, 29.

Number of weeks' schooling in 1884, 21; gain 8 weeks.



## LOWER ASHUELOT.

## SCHOOL HOUSE HALL.

Paid Wm. L. R. Felch, for cash paid for wood, for hall and school rooms,	\$18 60
W. L. R. Felch, janitor, for care of hall,	16 40
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	\$35 00
Received from janitor for rent of hall,	33 00
Paid W. L. R. Felch, by order, balance against the town,	2 00
There is now due teachers the sum of	176 00
For janitor's services and carrying scholars,	30 00
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	\$206 00

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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In making our annual report as required by law, we deem it expedient to briefly explain what we have tried to accomplish in the way of reform in our schools, during the first year's trial of the town system. Whatever difference of opinion may exist in the minds of people as to the merits of the town system of schools, all reasonable persons must admit that for the next five years it is the legally adopted policy of New Hampshire. We cannot doubt that all law-abiding citizens are morally bound to aid in giving it a fair trial. We are well aware that many of our citizens whose opinions are entitled to respect, were much opposed to adopting this system last spring; nor would we conceal the fact that the friends of the system were somewhat taken by surprise by the result of the action taken by the town. But we think no one can truthfully claim that any unfair, or underhanded action, was taken to secure that result.

Of the action taken by some of our citizens, at a special meeting, in the attempt to reverse the decision of the town, it is sufficient to say, that it was pronounced illegal and void, by the highest legal authority of the State, and consequently it died and was soon forgotten.

Having adopted the town system of schools, a Board of Education, consisting of nine members was elected at

the annual meeting. Two of those elected declined to serve, and the vacancies were filled by appointment by the Selectmen, as provided by law. Upon organizing the Board, it was thought best to appoint a sub-committee of three, who should have the supervision of the schools, and who should be paid for their services : as three members of the Board had also been chosen as high school committee, they were, for the sake of economy and convenience, selected to act as the Superintendents of all the schools. It was determined by the Board, that the reforms to be secured by the new system were mainly the following :

1. Equality in school privileges, for all parts of the town, so far as consistent with a proper regard for public sentiment.

2. In the interest of economy and efficiency, consolidation of the schools so far as possible, consistent with a proper regard for the convenience of individuals, and the prejudices formed by long established ruts.

3. The employment of the most efficient teachers to be had, within the limits of our appropriation, without regard to fear or favor, except favor to our own citizens, other conditions being equal.

4. To organize a system of grading and classifying schools that should apply to the whole town, so far as consistent with the difficulties of locality, with the primary school as the base, and the high school, the crown of the structure.

It was not expected that this work could all be accomplished in one year. Many citizens were angrily opposed to the change, and the hearty co-operation of parents, committee, teachers and scholars, needful for the best success, could hardly be expected at first.

## EQUALIZATION.

What has been accomplished under the head of equalizing school privileges can be seen by the accompanying detailed report of each school. It will be seen that there has been the past year considerable inequality in the length of terms of the schools. This has resulted in a large measure, from circumstances beyond the control of the committee. Both of the Ashuelot villages were, soon after the commencement of the winter terms of schools, stricken by that dreaded scourge, diphtheria, and it was necessary to the welfare of the scholars, as well as the rest of the community, to close the schools for a period of about eight weeks. This long and unavoidable vacation has so abridged the time of the school year, that it was thought best to shorten the winter term from the contemplated term of ten weeks, to eight or nine, and trust to the future for an opportunity to make it up.

In Nos. 8, 9 and 13, quite a large number of the parents seemed to distrust the ability of their scholars to stand such a mental strain as would result from attending school 28 or 30 weeks in the year, while heretofore they had been accustomed to only 16 or 18 weeks' schooling, and consequently they allowed their scholars to drop out of school to that extent as to render them unprofitable and make it necessary that they be closed. In neither of the above-mentioned schools, so far as your committee could ascertain, was there any fault found with the teacher, or with the efficiency of the school, but parents and scholars alike felt they had received as much schooling as they could digest in one year. In view of this unexpected state of affairs, it has been suggested to our minds that possibly it may furnish an explanation for the opposition



of some of the good citizens of the rural districts to the town system,—fear of too much schooling.

In the centre village the primary and intermediate grades have been cut short considerably from their usual length of terms; the grammar and high schools, where there are established courses of study, have had their usual terms.

We believe that after the system is fairly inaugurated, and the schools consolidated as we propose, all can be run 30 weeks in the year without any increase in the appropriations. It seems to us that this amount of schooling should be the minimum provided for any locality in our town. It should be remembered that the amount of schooling necessary to fit scholars for respectable positions in life 30 years ago is insufficient for the purpose now. The sterile soil, and harsh climate of New Hampshire has been claimed to be best fitted for the production of the most valuable of all crops — capable and intelligent citizens. As patriotic citizens we are bound to use our best efforts to maintain this honorable reputation.

### CONSOLIDATION.

In view of the knowledge gained from some unpleasant experience under the district system in the way of trying to remedy the acknowledged evil of a redundancy of schools in the town, your committee approached this subject with a good deal of hesitation, and with some foreboding of evil results. We are happy in being able to report less opposition to our efforts than was expected. We have reduced the number of schools in town by discontinuing three, viz. : 7, 15 and 19. The motives that have governed us in selecting these in preference to others

for continuance are the following: 1st. The small number of scholars in each of them, making it impossible in our judgment to have such schools as would be interesting and profitable to either teachers and scholars. 2d. The school buildings were so dilapidated as not only to be unfit for the purpose for which they were designed, but they were so shabby that it was thought a disgrace to the town to share in the degradation and shame to which they had long subjected the district. 3d. The scholars who had attended these schools could be changed to other schools with but a small amount of inconvenience, in travel, while being largely benefitted by attending larger schools and with longer terms. The committee have heard but very little complaint of their action, by the people most interested, in the changes that have so far been made. It is the purpose of the committee, providing the conditions remain the same as at present, to discontinue two or three more schools during the coming year, believing that such a course will be for the best good of all interested. In this connection we would suggest that the town system is more flexible and better adapted to the needs of a shifting population than the one which it succeeds; a school now may be discontinued in a certain locality for a time, and afterwards re-established, in view of a change of circumstances, without the necessity of a troublesome process of changing lines and records as formerly.

With the liberal provisions of the present law in giving the school boards the power to appropriate one-fourth of the money raised for the support of schools, to the transportation of scholars, consolidation of schools will be attended with much less hardship than heretofore, and it is to be presumed will meet with less opposition.

## TEACHERS.

If there has not been a more efficient class of teachers employed in town the past year than ever before, it has been largely the fault of the committee; certainly we have had a much larger number and probably of a higher grade of qualifications to select from than was possible under the district system. There can be no doubt but that the large majority of teachers favor the town system. We think that this preference is founded on intelligence and good judgment. All intelligent teachers know that under this system their steady employment depends more on their own efforts and success, and less on accidental circumstances, than under the old system. The old barbarism which prevailed extensively in rural communities, of compelling the teacher to "*board round*" and its near and not much more respected relation, "boarding with the committee," has gone out, to stay, with the District system. Longer, larger, and better schools, with better pay, with responsibility to only one management, instead of a dual one which could shift its own responsibility (and generally did), are attractions which bright teachers will not overlook. While having applications from all parts of New England, and from many who were highly recommended, we have in the majority of schools employed teachers who belonged to our own town. In most cases we have been well satisfied with our choice. The only unqualified failure we have had, was a young teacher from out of the State, employed in an emergency to complete the term of another who was obliged to resign on account of sickness in her family; in view of the fact that we were fortunate in securing for that school for the last two terms of the year, a teacher of long

experience, ripe culture, and great adaptation to her work, we feel that the people of that locality have no cause for complaint of the results of the year.

While the most of our teachers are interested in their work, progressive and hard-working, with a realizing sense of the dignity and importance of their calling, a few are careless and indifferent. Where good teachers have been employed the committee will endeavor to retain their services as long as possible, but those who do not manifest an interest and liking for their work will do well to resign.

### GRADING.

Under this head we have attempted nothing the past year. In schools situated as ours are little can be accomplished outside of the villages without the intelligent and hearty co-operation of parents and guardians of the scholars. To attain the greatest benefit from the schools, which are supported by general taxation, involves a special taxation of time and effort on the part of those most directly to be benefitted. Every school should have a fixed standard as the limit of its attainment, and when the limit is reached pupils should be stimulated to go up higher until they reach the limit of the educational facilities of the town. In the centre village we now have three graded schools in addition to the high school. By the increase of population and the incorporation of the scholars of two or three contiguous districts, the village schools are fast increasing in numbers. By the change in the course of study which was recently adopted in the high school, scholars stay one year longer than formerly in that school. It is believed by your committee that another school is needed between the grade of first



primary and the grammar or preparatory school. By making a higher standard for the high school, and thus shutting out the lowest grade of scholars that now attend that school, the assistant teacher could be dispensed with and could take one of the schools of a lower grade, and so no more teachers would be required than at present. The schools at Ashuelot of both villages are so situated that they can be readily graded with little inconvenience to the scholars, making three or four grades of schools where there are now but two, and thus dispensing with the need of a large number of useless classes.

### SCHOOL HOUSES AND APPARATUS.

Your Committee having been placed in a position to become somewhat conversant with the needs of the schools during the past year, would respectfully but earnestly recommend to the attention of the voters and tax payers of the town the urgent necessity of immediate action in improving the condition of its school buildings and apparatus. The people of those districts in which are situated the poorest buildings have been taxed quite heavily the past year, without seeing as yet, perhaps, any return for their outlay. If the laws in regard to taking possession of the school property by the town, have been justly administered—which we have no disposition to question—no person has any cause for complaint. But the town has come into the possession of some buildings that it has no use for in their present condition, and which for its own credit and reputation it cannot long afford to keep. We have, in our efforts to make them inhabitable and in furnishing indispensable conveniences, probably exceeded our appropriations for that purpose, but under the circumstances do not think it necessary to apologize therefor.

We would respectfully recommend that for the credit of the town and in the interest of good schools, the town district at its coming annual meeting make an appropriation sufficient to build new school houses as follows: in the locality recently known as District No. 9, near Wm. R. Hunt's residence; also in No. 10, near Joel Fosgate's; also in No. 13, or Rabbit Hollow so called. We would also recommend that a wing be added to the school house in the village of sufficient size to furnish one room, capable of comfortably seating 35 pupils, and a small room for chemical experiments; there are also one or two other school houses that need some minor repairs.

In concluding this report we wish to express our deep sense of the great loss which the town, and especially its educational interests, has sustained by the removal of our most respected colleague, Rev. E. Harmon. Having by long and faithful service on the School Board become thoroughly identified with the common school education of the town, he was the recognized leader in a good work. Of superior intellect and education, industrious with the courage of his convictions, he was able to accomplish much good work in our schools, and his absence will be long regretted by all good citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. MORSE,  
H. W. BRIGHAM,  
A. H. TAFT,  
HENRY GOULD,  
WM. F. FLINT,  
WM. L. R. FELCH,  
AMOS B. ATHERTON,

*Board of Education.*

# HIGH SCHOOL.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$61 27
Town appropriation,	1,600 00
Tuitions,	32 00
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	\$1,693 27

### EXPENDITURES.

George Sherman, teaching one year,	\$850 00
Miss Rhoda C. Slate, assistant, spring term,	108 00
Miss Cora F. Butler, assistant, fall and winter terms,	216 00
Geo. H. Adams, janitor,	14 16
Ulric U. Brigham, janitor,	5 50
Jasper A. Gale, janitor,	18 00
John Hutchins, for coal,	30 65
C. M. Norward, for wood,	2 17
E. C. Stimson, for blackboards,	2 78
Mrs. Taylor and Geo. Adams, cleaning house,	1 82
John A. Powers, for rent of room,	40 00
John A. Powers, for chemicals,	22 18
John Hutchins, for stove and pipe,	30 08
E. P. Tenney, for use of chairs,	1 50
Towards the other schools in town,	340 00
Cash on hand,	10 43
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	\$1,693 27

The school during the year has been under the charge of George Sherman, and the efficient assistant, Miss Rhoda C. Slate, for the spring term, and Miss Cora F. Butler, for the fall and winter terms, and good work has been done. We have kept the school three terms of twelve weeks each, with 58 scholars. It is expected the number may be largely increased the coming year. The scholars are from 13 to 19 years of age.

By the town's adopting the town system of schools at its last annual meeting, it was thought by the Board of Education that the grammar school should properly come under the care and management of the town system, rather than remain a part of the high school. By this arrangement the committee have taken of the appropriation made for the high school the sum of \$340, and expended in the other schools of the town.

Owing to a change that was made in the course of study some three or four years ago, there was no class for graduation during the last year. There is a large and interesting class that will graduate at the close of the spring term. The whole number of scholars are 58, with an average attendance of 39.

The number of scholars pursuing studies are : reading 3, spelling 45, penmanship 3, arithmetic 31, grammar 38, history 43, rhetoric 23, physiology 8, book-keeping 24, algebra 18, geometry 10, Virgil 5, natural philosophy 19, civil government 6, Cæsar 7, Latin lessons 12, Cicero 2, Latin 18.

Candidates for admission and scholars who have examinations to make up are examined in writing the Saturday afternoon proceeding the opening of school, commencing at 1 o'clock.



Failures in term examinations must be made up to entitle those thus failing to go on with their classes.

Scholars from out of town are required to pay a tuition of four dollars a term. They go into any classes that they are fitted to enter without being required to pass a preliminary examination.

We would call the attention of the town to the pressing need of the school to the matter of apparatus, philosophical and chemical. No efficient instruction in these two important branches can be rendered without more or less of the means to bring facts before the eye of the pupil. The dry text book becomes alive with interest when illustrated by an ordinary apparatus.

George Sherman, the principal, is entitled to credit for the zeal and interest he has manifested for the school, in taking upon himself the responsibility of getting up so good a course of lectures as the town enjoyed during the past winter, the proceeds of which were to go towards purchasing the much needed apparatus. We are sorry to say that there was only the sum of twenty-five cents left after paying expenses, as the lectures were not as well patronized as they ought to have been.

One of the great evils connected with our schools, directly traceable to parents, is the irregularity of attendance on the part of scholars. A great amount of school money is expended to no purpose from the neglect of those having children to send. If parents would awake to the importance of the subject and all with one accord go\*into the work of reform, see to it that their children are on hand in season and every day, prepared also with good lessons, two-thirds of our present amount of schooling would be as useful to the public as the whole of what

we now have. It will be borne in mind that the tardinesses or occasional absences of a part of the scholars will hinder the progress of those who are prompt and always on hand. The responsibility rests with parents; teachers and superintendents are not to be blamed.

We would invite and most earnestly recommend to parents having scholars in the high school (or any other), as well as all others, to visit the schools, become acquainted with teachers and pupils, and see what a grand and noble institution your generous appropriations in the past has built up.

If you have a true regard for educational interests you will give heed to the children's song,—

“ Oh dear, what can the matter be,  
The parents don't visit the school.”

The interest, therefore, which claims the first attention and the unceasing care of the State as well as of the citizens of every town, is that of our schools. There is nothing more true than when society ceases to provide for the education and culture of the people, the foundations for the support of government and civil order are gradually weakened and destroyed and society sinks into barbarism. We hope it does not need argument to impress any thoughtful man with the convictions that the liberal provision for and support of our schools of every grade appeals equally to his duty and his interest. The most ready and cheerful obedience to the law, the most willing liberality in supporting and carrying out the provisions of law by a hearty assent to the necessary drafts upon our resources by legal taxation, and personal services when necessary, is a duty incumbent on all.

Annually the cry is raised that the expenditures of the

town must be curtailed, and the schools are the first department which many select for that reduction. What does a reduction of the school appropriation mean? It means a loss of your best teachers, and a general crippling of the educational interests of the town.

We do not believe that the citizens of a town which has stood up so nobly through all the stormy and trying years of its infancy, and has made most liberal appropriations for the support of its schools will now become recreant to its bright and noble record in the past; we do not believe that any true citizen of this or any town in the State will be derelict to the duty of liberally supporting that great system of free schools which has been the crowning glory of New England in all her past history, and with which she has leavened the whole structure of this great nation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. MORSE,

H. W. BRIGHAM,

A. H. TAFT,

*Superintending School Committee.*

# EQUALIZATION OF TAXES

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING FROM THE DISTRICT TO  
THE TOWN SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Taxable property,	\$46,766 00
Whole tax to be raised,	495 72

### SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$375 00	
Furniture,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$388 00
Balance of tax to be raised,		107 72
Rate,		92

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Taxable property,	\$230,593 00
Whole tax to be raised,	2,444 29

### SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$675 00	
Furniture,	20 75	
Wood,	22 50	
40 acres woodland,	400 00	
Land and buildings,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,318 25
Balance of tax to be raised,		1,126 04
Rate,		49



## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Taxable property,	\$505,947 00
Whole tax to be raised,	5,363 04

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$4,000 00	
Land,	1,200 00	
Furniture,	291 50	
Coal,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,501 50
Rebate,		138 46
District tax,		31 72
Balance of rebate,		106 74
Rate,		02

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Taxable property,	\$27,820 00
Whole tax to be raised,	294 89

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$250 00	
Furniture,	8 00	
Wood,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$260 00
Balance of tax to be raised,		34 89
Rate,		12½

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Taxable property,	\$14,686 00
Whole tax to be raised,	155 67

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$225 00	
Furniture,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$231 00
Rebate,		75 33
Rate,		51

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Taxable property,	\$64,669 00
Whole tax to be raised,	685 49

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$275 00	
Furniture,	15 00	
Wood,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$292 00
Balance of tax to be raised,		393 49
Rate,		61

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Taxable property,	\$24,245 00
Whole tax to be raised,	257 00

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$5 00	
Furniture,	50	
	<hr/>	\$5 50
Balance tax to be raised,		251 50
Rate,		1 03½

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

Taxable property,	\$34,273 00
Whole tax to be raised,	363 30

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$150 00	
Furniture,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 00
Balance tax to be raised,		198 30
Rate,		58

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Taxable property,	\$26,077 00
Whole tax to be raised,	276 42

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$75 00	
Furniture,	5 00	
Money,	21 82	
Wood,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$103 32
Balance tax to be raised,		173 10
Rate,		66½

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Taxable property,	\$27,327 00
Whole tax to be raised,	289 67

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$150 00	
Furniture,	10 00	
Wood,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$163 75
Balance tax to be raised,		125 92
Rate,		46

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

Taxable property,	\$19,381 00
Whole tax to be raised,	205 44

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	25 00	
Furniture,	4 00	
Wood,	50	
	<hr/>	\$29 50
Balance tax to be raised,		175 94
Rate,		92

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

Taxable property,	\$10,692 00
Whole tax to be raised,	113 34

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$30 00	
Furniture,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$34 00
Balance tax to be raised,		79 34
Rate,		74

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

Taxable property,	\$43,000 00
Whole tax to be raised,	455 80

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$225 00	
Land,	15 00	
Furniture,	11 00	
Wood,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$253 50
Balance tax to be raised,		202 30
Rate,		47

## DISTRICT NO. 18.

Taxable property,	\$158,427 00
Whole tax to be raised,	1,679 33

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$3,000 00	
Land,	550 00	
Furniture,	170 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,720 00

Rebate,	\$2,040 67
District tax,	55 00
Balance rebate,	1,985 67
Rate,	1 25

## DISTRICT NO. 19.

Taxable property,	\$22,929 00
Whole tax to be raised,	243 05

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$25 00	
Furniture,	4 50	
Wood,	50	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
Balance tax to be raised,		213 50
Rate,		93

## DISTRICT NO. 20.

Taxable property,	\$61,130 00
Whole tax to be raised,	647 98

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$690 00	
Land,	20 00	
Furniture,	34 00	
Wood,	7 00	
1 school house (Scotland),	50 00	
1 school house (on the hill),	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$811 00
Rebate,		163 02
Rate,		26½



## DISTRICT NO. 21.

Taxable property,	\$30,582 00
Whole tax to be raised,	324 17

## SCHOOL PROPERTY.

House,	\$550 00	
Furniture,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$570 00
Rebate,		245 83
Rate,		80

J. P. PUTNAM,  
E. A. KINGMAN,  
F. H. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Winchester.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF WINCHESTER, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### INVENTORY.

642 polls,	\$64,200 00
Real estate,	819,511 00
369 horses,	24,732 00
129 oxen,	9,245 00
629 cows,	19,017 00
229 other cattle,	4,714 00
433 sheep,	1,191 00
68 hogs,	654 00
44 carriages,	3,005 00
Stock in public funds,	5,900 00
Bank stock,	77,100 00
Surplus capital in banks,	21,449 00
Stock in corporations out of State,	2,000 00
Money on hand,	67,821 00
Stock in trade,	121,440 00
Mills and machinery,	86,100 00
Buildings not designated,	20,465 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,348,544 00

# APPROPRIATIONS AND MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$2,580 00
County tax,	1,786 88
Ordinary town charges,	1,000 00
Schools,	4,500 00
Highways,	2,000 00
Town poor,	1,500 00
Fire department,	300 00
Library,	350 00
Street lamps,	100 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	50 00
Evergreen cemetery,	150 00
Lewis bridge,	100 00
Re-copying old records,	100 00
Piano,	108 02
Water pipe at Ashuelot,	350 00
Dog tax,	147 00
School district taxes,	86 72
Old taxes,	204 65
Overlay on town tax,	530 83
Overlay on school tax,	431 48

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Total amount committed to Collector,	\$16,375 58
Rate per cent. on \$100,	\$1 15
Rate per cent. on \$100, for equalization of school tax, if there had been no school property,	1 06

## RECEIPTS.

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Money in treasury March 1, 1885,	\$320 00
Rec'd of county for paupers, April term,	552 58
"            "            October term,	323 12
money borrowed,	2,700 00
of State, bounty on woodchucks,	232 60
lot in cemetery, A. Fassett & Co.,	25 00
town of Swanzey, one-half expense surveyor running town lines,	4 00
town of Hinsdale, one-half expense surveyor running town lines,	6 00
town of Swanzey, aid to N. C. Stone's family and expense of his burial,	34 31
costs on P. J. Fallon's arrest,	6 00
costs on B. Comb's arrest,	75
J. Cunningham, old scraper,	1 50
D. Sawyer, old plank,	1 00
Joel Fosgate, for hay on Calvin Doolittle place,	6 00
A. A. Putnam and H. W. Rixford, District No. 9, money left in their hands,	21 82
railroad tax,	58 22
savings bank tax,	1,379 85
literary fund,	370 27



Rec'd F. P. Willis, sidewalk,	\$30 10
G. W. Peirce, “	27 50
Mrs. J. C. Smith, “	29 10
O. L. Howard, “	24 60
W. N. Banks, “	20 87
Mrs. Emma J. Baker,	13 56
W. L. Rixford,	29 50
G. E. Richards, sidewalks,	83 31
J. A. Powers, “	72 74
S. M. Morse, tile drain pipe,	4 71
M. D. Spaulding, town hall earnings,	54 00
D. H. Thompson, overpaid last year	
on Wm. Fosgate account,	24 00
G. H. Snow, balance left in his hands	
to pay bounty on woodchucks,	13 80
J. E. Coxeter, for drain pipe,	96
J. Pentland, for chloralum,	50
A. B. Woodbury, for tile,	1 00
Chester Hildreth, “	1 00
of Levi Saben, Collector, 1883 taxes,	11 41
of Levi Saben, Collector, interest on	
1883 taxes,	33
of Levi Saben, Collector, 1884 taxes,	193 24
of Levi Saben, Collector, interest on	
1884 taxes,	7 00
of Levi Saben, Collector, 1885 taxes,	16,190 29
of Levi Saben, Collector, interest on	
1885 taxes,	55 16
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	\$22,931 70

## DISBURSEMENTS.

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### ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Orders outstanding March 1, 1885,	\$7 00
Paid A. H. Taft, registering births and deaths,	6 00
F. H. Eames, stationery, etc.,	2 33
J. F. Field, public water,	3 00
D. F. Smith, " "	2 00
G. W. Hutchins, " "	3 00
L. F. Buffum, " "	3 00
J. P. Lovell & Sons, handcuffs, etc.,	15 50
Wm. Read & Sons, police billies,	3 75
C. D. Seaver, repairs on fountain,	2 00
D. D. Kepple, fixtures for fountain,	1 46
Geo. Parol, clearing ditch back of school house,	8 00
A. A. Ware, surveying road west of river,	5 75
Wm. Flint, levelling for ditch,	1 00
E. E. Stimpson, repairs on church,	5 25
Wm. Flint, running town lines,	20 00
C. D. Seaver, work on town clock,	75
Selectmen, Northfield, for surveyor,	1 00
E. Wilbur, teams when running lines, etc.,	7 00

Paid B. P. H. Randall, paid freight on town clock,	\$1 17
Line between Winchester and Richmond,	2 75
E. F. Stimson, care public water,	3 00
F. R. Peters, care and repairs town clock and tolling bell,	34 00
Ziba Ware, public water,	3 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., record books, etc.,	26 25
Thomas Groom & Co., paper for town records,	10 45
C. W. Dockrill, services N. C. Stone's funeral,	5 00
John A. Britton, work in cemetery near his house,	2 00
S. M. Morse, express and postage on town reports,	60
L. M. Kent, care water on common,	3 00
Sentinel Printing Co., reports, 1884,	50 35
W. R. Bullock, public water,	2 00
J. H. Manning, " "	1 50
E. Evans, recording births and deaths,	2 25
W. S. Leonard, " "	4 75
E. A. Kingman, running lines,	22 00
L. W. Prouty, repairs on town clock,	3 50
C. P. Lawrence, public water,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$278 36

## HIGHWAYS.

Paid E. A. Kingman, agent,	\$68 20
F. L. Adams, work on tile drain and making fence near Albee place,	8 50
A. P. Tufts & Son, lumber,	12 02

Paid	E. B. Willard, work,	\$26 75
	G. W. Hutchins, work,	5 25
	C. W. Scott, agent,	36 50
	N. P. Burbank, cutting brush,	2 25
	E. C. Hildreth, unloading tile,	25
	D. C. Stearns, work on Scotland bridge,	13 50
	J. H. Bolton, agent,	136 60
	G. W. Perry, agent,	25 00
	H. W. Rixford, agent,	14 35
	E. P. Cook, labor,	1 50
	J. B. Cass, agent,	44 75
	J. B. Cass, work on brook bridge,	11 00
	J. B. Cass, work on road,	8 50
	R. W. Boyce, agent,	46 54
	R. W. Boyce, Parmenter bridge,	36 76
	Scott & Baker, work at Lewis bridge,	7 50
	J. P. Putnam, work and lumber, brook bridge,	30 05
	Ellery Verry, repairing sluice,	75
	E. W. Bent, repairing scraper,	2 50
	A. Dickinson, lumber,	129 50
	Spencer & Co., tile drain pipe,	97 50
	Daniel Verry, building sluice,	10 00
	A. A. Putnam, labor and plank,	11 03
	G. C. Snow, labor on highway,	17 67
	E. L. Roberts, labor and material on road,	5 00
	Willis & Taylor, nails, etc.,	2 83
	E. C. Scott, labor,	3 00
	J. H. Manning, agent, work and snowing bridge,	115 71
	G. W. Hunt, labor,	4 35
	E. H. Fosgate, labor,	25

Paid E. Alexander, freight on drain pipe,	\$7 35
E. Alexander, freight and express on scraper steels,	1 41
Chas. Jackson, Agent,	58 50
Chas. Jackson, labor,	21 37
Octave Orseneau, breaking roads,	1 50
John Pentland, labor,	2 00
H. L. Stetson, Agent,	64 90
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, Agents,	60 73
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, plank,	9 19
C. B. Mansfield, Agent,	45 75
H. W. Bliss, “	73 50
Levi Saben, “	33 60
Oscar H. Field, “	99 07
E. S. Adams, “	48 02
G. W. Combs, “	36 75
H. N. Healy, “	65 98
Zenas Lewis, labor,	8 32
Geo. Tyler, scraper steels,	35 00
E. W. Baker, Agent,	116 35
A. W. Nason, painting iron bridge,	23 35
D. C. Stearns, Agent,	60 77
J. A. Gale, labor,	12 00
B. O. Hale, washout, Ashuelot,	30 60
B. O. Hale, Agent,	56 74
B. Rixford, “	42 00
J. O. Hill, “	16 00
M. M. Baker, labor on highway,	3 00
M. M. Baker, timber and plank,	96 24
L. W. Prouty, sharpening tools, etc.,	8 30
J. E. Coxeter, work on iron bridge,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$2,075 65



## SIDEWALKS.

Paid J. M. Harris, Centre Village,	\$682 77
J. M. Harris, Ashuelot,	104 14
N. D. Safford, drawing gravel, etc.,	9 75
J. Dougherty, work on walk,	1 50
G. W. Peirce, grading walk,	4 52
E. H. Brown, drawing curb-stone, etc.,	2 70
John Pentland, labor,	2 05
E. P. Cook, labor,	75
Moving fence and grading,	21 60
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	\$829 98

## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Dana Davis, aid to Mrs. J. De Bell,	\$2 19
A. H. Taft, medical services Mrs. J. De Bell,	24 00
Mrs. O. J. Plummer,	51 57
G. I. Cutler, medical services Mrs. O. J. Plummer,	5 00
E. Evans, medical services Mrs. O. J. Plummer,	52 50
Mrs. M. E. Russell, aid Abel Fassett,	149 88
G. W. Peirce, medical services A. Fassett,	56 75
Mrs. E. Conroy,	160 00
S. M. Morse, aid Mrs. E. Conroy,	8 00
Mrs. Mary De Bell,	3 00
A. H. Taft, medical services Mary De Bell,	3 50
D. H. Thompson, support Wm. Fosgate,	122 50
Chase & Richards, clothing Wm. Fosgate,	7 40

Paid A. H. Taft, medical services Willie Whittemore,	\$4 00
Joel Fosgate, support Mrs. C. Doolittle,	72 25
J. P. Bancroft, support James Roach,	161 19
G. W. Peirce, medical services Mrs. Stafford,	83 17
E. Evans, medical services Mrs. Stafford,	50 00
E. Evans, medical services Mr. Stafford,	29 00
Jennie Rich, work for Mr. Stafford,	4 00
W. Wood, aid Mrs. M. Coughlin,	156 85
Dr. Leonard, medical services Mrs. M. Coughlin and son,	22 50
County Commissioners, support Geo. Doucette,	45 63
W. L. Rixford, aid P. Maloney,	40 58
Frank Willis, funeral services N. C. Stone,	5 50
Howe & Pratt, aid Mrs. J. De Bell,	30 03
E. P. Tenney, mending boots Wm. Fosgate,	1 15
W. L. Rixford, goods Mrs. Stone,	1 53
E. L. Roberts, goods Mrs. De Bell,	2 00
“ “ “ Bragg,	2 97
“ “ “ Stone,	4 54
W. F. Sanders, coffin and shroud N. C. Stone,	12 50
F. Weeks & Co., goods N. C. Stone family,	1 47
Total,	<hr/> \$1,377 15

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Emma J. Baker, support Henry Allen,	\$10 50
James Cadigan, support Mrs. Leighey, and Scott boy,	14 00
W. F. Sanders, coffin Mary Spooner,	10 00
Zenas Lewis, aid Mary Spooner,	4 00
G. W. Peirce, medical services Mary Spooners,	1 63
G. L. Fullam, support Frank Field,	33 29
Chase & Richards, clothing Frank Field,	4 90
Emily Smith,	50 00
Emeline Putnam, support Bertie Willard,	44 29
W. L. Rixford, aid Mrs. Lucy Pickering,	9 69
W. O. Hardy, medical services Mrs. Lucy Pickering,	8 25
F. H. Eames, aid Mrs. Lucy Pickering,	21 88
H. W. Bliss, wood Mrs. Lucy Pickering,	15 59
S. M. Morse, aid Mrs. Anne Crabb,	2 75
W. Wood, aid Mrs. Anne Crabb,	80 71
W. Wood, aid Mary Hayes,	33 29
W. Wood, aid Chas. Vigneaux,	10 00
G. E. Richards, tramps,	35 00
C. S. Baker, support Mary Baker,	65 00
E. A. Clark, aid Mrs. Reynolds,	4 00
Selectmen, Swanzey, aid Hannah Gould,	12 00
E. L. Roberts, goods Mrs. Anne Crabb,	2 50
A. H. Taft, support Lucia Hammond,	65 00
W. Wood, goods Mrs. Garrett Welch,	15 14
G. W. Peirce, medicine Heber Riell,	2 30
Howe & Pratt, goods Mrs. Bragg,	2 62
W. S. Leonard, medical services Mary Baker,	4 25

Paid E. Evans, medical services Ada Harvey,	\$22 00
F. Weeks & Co., goods Frank Field,	3 05
G. L. Fullam, support Frank Field,	5 19
Total,	<hr/> \$592 82

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. Donovan, salary of company at Ashuelot,	\$120 00
J. A. Fitzgerald, care engine at Ashuelot,	10 00
C. D. Seaver, care engines,	10 00
J. E. Williams, taking engine to fire,	5 00
H. Maynard, taking hose cart to fire,	5 00
E. C. Hildreth, work on reservoir and at fire,	5 50
H. C. Tenney, work on reservoir and at fire,	6 90
M. Kelly, for services of company at fire,	30 75
H. W. Bliss, services at fire with team,	1 00
Willis & Taylor, nails, etc.,	1 61
E. W. Barker, sharpening bars,	50
M. M. Baker, plank for reservoir,	22 46
F. Weeks & Co., oil, etc.,	1 37
Total,	<hr/> \$220 09

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. Abbott, services as Moderator, March, 1885,	\$5 00
George H. Snow, services as Town Clerk,	60 00
F. H. Eames, services as Selectman,	265 25

Paid F. H. Eames, services as Overseer of Poor,	\$9 25
E. S. Adams, services as Selectman after March 1,	8 00
F. C. Merrill, arrest of P. J. Fallon,	5 00
E. W. Barker, police duty,	2 50
M. D. Spaulding, “	4 00
W. M. Baker, “	2 00
S. M. Morse, services as Selectman since March 1, 1885,	8 00
S. M. Morse, services as Overseer of Poor,	1 00
W. L. Rixford, services as Police,	6 00
A. A. Putnam, services as Supervisor,	8 00
A. A. Putnam, service as Auditor,	2 00
H. Abbott, Treasurer,	40 00
J. P. Putnam, services as Selectman,	122 25
S. M. Morse, services as member of Board of Education,	136 54
H. W. Brigham, services as member of Board of Education,	133 65
A. H. Taft, services as member of Board of Education,	59 75
O. L. Howard, services as Sexton,	130 25
L. B. Seaver, police services,	5 00
E. A. Kingman, Overseer of Poor,	19 20
E. A. Kingman, services as Selectman,	207 00
M. M. Baker, services as Supervisor,	10 00
Levi Saben, Collector of Taxes,	144 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,383 64

## PIANO.

Paid G. Wardwell, amount of appropriation,	\$108 02
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## WATER PIPE AT ASHUELOT.

Paid D. D. Kepple, pipe and laying same,	\$307 00
P. German, making ditch for pipe,	45 00
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	\$352 00

## LEWIS BRIDGE.

Paid Scott & Baker, for the job re-building bridge and filling road,	\$110 00
It was necessary to erect a new railing, etc., costing some \$15 more, which is charged in the highway account.	

## SCHOOLS.

Paid Committee, amount of appropriation,	\$4,500 00
Committee, due from literary fund,	300 72
Committee, due from dog tax,	125 00
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	\$4,925 72

## SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX.

Paid H. Gould, District No. 3,	\$31 72
Ashuelot Warp Co., for bell and hang- ings,	55 00
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	\$86 72

## LIBRARY.

Paid Committee, amount of appropriation,	\$350 00
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## EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Paid L. Felt, care of cemetery,	\$125 00
A. Kempton, care of gates,	3 00
L. Felt, re-setting stones,	10 00
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Total,	\$138 00

## WOODCHUCKS.

Paid G. H. Snow, to pay bounty on wood-	
chucks,	\$62 50

## DECORATION DAY FUND.

Paid A. H. Taft,	\$40 68
G. W. Peirce,	2 42
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Total,	\$43 10

## TOWN HALL.

Paid E. S. Adams, wood,	\$20 00
M. D. Spaulding, supplies,	5 04
M. D. Spaulding, sawing wood,	3 25
M. D. Spaulding, as janitor,	34 20
W. F. Sanders, glass for town hall,	96
Willis & Taylor, goods,	6 84
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Total,	\$70 29

## STREET LAMPS.

Paid E. Pickering, repairing lamps,	\$1 47
C. St. Clair, oil and care street lamps,	4 90
J. A. Powers, " " "	3 75
Howe & Pratt, oil for lamps,	3 62
O. C. Bent, care of street lamps,	20 00
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Total,	\$33 74

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax,	\$2,580 00
County tax,	1,786 88
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	\$4,366 88

## DEBT.

Paid H. Abbott, for Winchester National	
Bank,	\$2,000 00
A. B. Atherton,	500 00
E. A. Kingman,	200 00
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	\$2,700 00

## INTEREST.

Paid H. Abbott, for Winchester National	
Bank,	\$71 25
A. B. Atherton,	17 22
E. A. Kingman,	7 97
H. Abbott, paid coupons, town bonds,	60 00
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	\$156 44

## OLD BILLS.

Paid E. W. Baker, breaking roads,	\$10 15
E. C. Scott, “	3 00
G. W. Combs, “	1 80
J. P. Putnam, “	1 26
H. W. Rixford, “	93
G. W. Hunt, “	45
E. H. Fosgate, “	4 10
Thomas W. Kendrick, work on road,	7 50
Geo. W. Hutchins, work on road	
and bridge,	10 00
Geo. W. Hutchins, public water,	3 00
H. W. Rixford, plank,	80
R. B. Foster, land damage, Albee place,	25 00
C. D. Merriman, drain castings,	3 79
B. C. Snow, sexton services, Calkins	
child,	3 00

Paid J. D. Colony & Sons, check-lists,	\$15 00
Mrs. A. W. Tuttle, land damage, laying pipe,	3 00
H. Gould, Supervisor, 1884,	10 00
H. Gould, Auditor, 1884,	2 00
W. M. Baker, police services, 1884,	5 00
J. F. Field, public water, 1884,	3 00
Emma J. Baker, support Henry Allen,	6 00
James Cadigan, support Mrs. Leighey and Scott boy,	4 00
Emily Smith, aid from town,	28 00
Emeline Putnam, support Bertie Willard,	6 71
W. L. Rixford, aid Mrs. Lucy Pickering,	6 34
Wright Wood, aid Mrs. Garrett Welch,	50 00
A. H. Taft, support Lucia Hammond,	21 43
A. H. Taft, medical services, Mrs. J. De Bell,	2 00
A. H. Taft, medical services, Willie Whittemore,	22 00
A. H. Taft, medical services, G. H. Ellis,	16 00
County Commissioners, support Geo. Doucette,	12 87
E. S. Adams, expenses to Keene and town reports,	2 25
Wright Wood and Mary Hayes,	18 14
Moody Towne, labor on highways,	3 00
O. C. Burt, snowing bridge, 1884-5, two years,	14 00
W. Wood and Chas. Vigneau,	50 00
O. L. Howard, breaking road, cemetery,	2 50

Paid O. L. Howard, services as sexton,	\$7 00
L. W. Prouty, sharpening tools,	1 35
H. W. Brigham, complaints, warrants, etc., for three years,	22 00
Total,	<hr/> \$408 37

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid M. W. Tappan, opinion on school question,	\$5 00
F. H. Eames, telegrams to and from M. W. Tappan,	70
L. Wellington, referee A. Capron case,	23 30
A. H. Taft, vaccinating 468 persons,	234 00
E. Evans, " 246 "	123 00
F. C. Merrill, injuries arresting J. Roach,	58 50
C. D. Seaver, for going to Concord with J. Roach,	2 25
F. H. Eames, for cash paid carrying J. Roach to asylum, Concord,	15 05
L. W. Goss, for door and work on J. Roach's house,	7 00
G. W. Brown, shackles for J. Roach,	80
D. S. Swan, arrest of P. Rowan and carrying to county farm,	13 22
G. W. Peirce, professional services J. Roach, certificate of insanity and dressing wounds,	5 50
Willis & Taylor, box to pack town clock in,	25
F. H. Eames, express on paper, billets, etc.,	2 05



Paid H. W. Brigham, complaints, warrants, etc ,	\$17 62
Total,	<u>\$508 24</u>

## ABATEMENTS.

Paid Gilman J. Raymond, taxes of 1883, 1884.	\$9 79
Paid G. W. Peirce, on Co. pasture—claims he paid last year,	\$1 83
E. Wilbur, on Co. pasture—claims he paid last year,	3 05
Hosea G. Pickett,	7 80
Thomas Rumrill,	3 89
Gilman J. Raymond,	9 61
N. E. Stevens, on real estate,	44 05
Anthony Christian, receipt shown,	1 11
German Martineau, “	2 11
John T. Powers, “	1 11
D. C. Stearns, claims to have paid last year,	1 00
G. C. S. Smith, paid last year,	6 66
H. B. Swan, on real estate,	5 29
Eugene Barrett, poll tax,	1 11
Arthur Basso, “	1 11
Morris Cunningham, “	1 11
Daniel Donovan, “	1 11
Frederic Davis, “	1 11
Edward Ellis, balance “	07
John Grenier, “	1 11
John Hannon, “	1 11
Thomas Kidney, “	1 00

Paid Emory Newton, balance poll tax,	\$ 10
Thomas Reed, poll tax,	1 11
Wm. Sheedy,           “	1 11
Chas. E. Swan,       “	1 11
Frank Turdee,       “	1 11
Peter Vigneaux,     “	1 00
Marshall Whipple,   “	1 11
H. B. Swan, on real estate,	75 00
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Total for 1884,	\$178 00

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1885.

Paid E. H. Hammond, on real estate,	\$2 08
A. A. Putnam,           “     “	3 63
Wm. Cunningham, on dog,	1 00
John Conroy,           “	1 00
Mrs. Rufus Hutchins, error real estate,	1 10
H. L. Stetson,           “     “	1 74
J. C. Field,           “     “	2 99
Wm. E. Hayes, poll,	1 15
P. D. Coburn, poll,	1 15
N. F. Healy, error on real estate,	1 35
Gilman J. Raymond, on real and personal,	7 35
Mrs. M. E. Russell,       “     “	4 52
School Dist. No. 2, error on real estate,	6 56
Rensselaer Warner, on real and personal,	5 84
A. J. Bartlett, on real estate,	3 24
A. V. Bowker,       “     “	3 24
James Marsh,       “     “	4 83
H. W. Warner, error in tax,	1 71
Christopher Biggy, poll and personal,	2 73
John Martineau, error dog tax,	1 00
Mrs. Frank Reoark, error dog tax,	1 00

Paid A. J. Harvey, poll tax,	\$1 89
J. F. Bent, “	1 33
Abatement list, poll taxes,	31 98
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	\$94 41

## REBATE.

Paid Milo J. Myers, poll tax,	\$ 10
F. Pawquette, “	10
Nelson Sherwood, “	10
Alex. Thompson, “	10
Henry Hale, real estate,	20
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Total for 1885,	\$93 81

## DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid S. Hardy, for H. Carleton estate,	\$12 00
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## RE-COPYING OLD RECORDS.

The town raised \$100.00 for this purpose. G. W. Peirce offered to examine all the old records, classify and arrange all matters under proper headings, with references, and to incorporate whatever he had in his possession, to make it as complete as it can be, print it with a type writer, satisfactorily to the town, if the town will pay for the paper and expense of binding, free of expense. He has classified a large share of it, and printed some of it, which he will exhibit at the hall on town meeting day for your approval, with explanations. We have expended for this purpose \$10.90, which should appear under the foregoing caption, but is included in another place.

## RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary town charges,	\$278 36
Highways,	2,075 65
Sidewalks,	829 98
Town paupers,	1,377 15
County paupers,	592 82
Schools,	4,925 72
Piano,	108 02
Water pipe at Ashuelot,	352 00
Lewis bridge,	110 00
Special school district taxes,	86 72
Library,	350 00
Fire department,	220 09
Town officers,	1,383 64
Evergreen cemetery,	138 00
Woodchucks,	62 50
Decoration day fund,	43 10
Town hall,	70 29
Street lamps,	33 74
State and county tax,	4,366 88
Debt,	2,700 00
Interest,	156 44
Miscellaneous,	508 24
Old bills,	408 37
Damage to sheep by dogs,	12 00
Abatements,	281 60
Total,	<hr/> \$21,471 31

J. P. PUTNAM,

E. A. KINGMAN,

F. H. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Winchester.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, for the year ending March 2, 1886, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

### LIABILITIES.

Town bonds outstanding March 2, 1886,	\$1,000 00
Interest on town bonds,	10 00
Due schools, literary fund,	370 27
schools, dog tax,	114 00
Wm. R. Hunt, damage to sheep,	12 00
Geo. Bancroft,       “       “	4 00
Lucius Carroll,     “       “	4 00
outstanding bills, estimated,	200 00
outstanding orders,	175 03
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	\$1,889 30

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1886,	\$2,094 23
Due from county, for support of paupers,	229 36
Due from town of Chesterfield, aid to Ada Harvey,	22 00
Due from Ames C. Eaton estate, for money paid him for service as Collector, 1884, on what remained uncollected,	15 00

Due from county, for cost paid on trials and arrests,	\$38 84
Due from Joel Fosgate, for hay on Calvin Doolittle place,	6 00

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\$2,405 43

Balance against the town March 1, 1885,	\$186 50
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Balance in favor of the town March 1, 1886,	516 13
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AMOS A PUTNAM,

CHAS. W. SCOTT,

MARTIN M. BAKER,

*Auditors.*



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1885,	\$24 83
“ for fines and catalogues,	14 86
Town appropriation,	350 00
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	\$389 79

### DISBURSEMENTS.

W. H. Spalter & Co. (old bill),	\$34 60
Dennison & Brown, “	6 25
E. Alexander, express, “	50
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	67 23
Ticknor & Co., “	22 50
W. H. Guernsey, “	1 45
History of Richmond,	2 75
Memoirs of U. S. Grant,	4 50
Jennie L. Weeks, librarian,	50 00
J. A. Powers, rent to April 1, 1886,	40 00
Cost of supplementary catalogue,	78 00
A. M. Howard, for shelves and wood,	1 70
Trustees' services,	15 00
E. M. Forbes, insurance,	20 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., repairing books,	11 50

E. H. Brown, for wood,	\$3 00
Sundries,	2 33
E. Alexander, for express,	2 05
W. H. Spalter & Co., covering paper,	1 65
F. Weeks & Co., oil,	80
Cash in bank,	23 98
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	\$389 79

The number of books belonging to the library at the present time is 2440.

It will be impossible to find room for another purchase of books in the limited amount of room now furnished for the library. More room will necessarily incur more expense. Therefore, we hope the town will think best to make their appropriation as large next year as for the past year.

We are pleased to give to the public the statement that there has not been a book unaccounted for since the library became public.

Respectfully submitted.

U. BARRETT FOSGATE,  
LOUISE M. HOWARD,  
MARY E. SCOTT,

*Trustees.*

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John A McGee





